GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF PHOTOCOPIER MACHINES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry, defence headquarters and other defence installations under it in Delhi and outside have purchased a large number of photocopier machines of different make;

(b) if so, the details thereof giving the brand-wise details of copiers purchased, prices at which purchased and from where purchased indicating the procedure adopted in making purchase thereof; and

(c) the reasons for purchasing copiers at higher rates than open market from the Kendriya Bhandar and the reasons for not opening tenders floated as per OM issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure in December, 1998 saying that purchases above the amount of Rs. 50,000/- are to be made in accordance with provision of the GFR?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Photocopiers are procured by the Units/Formations/Establishments in the field under powers delegated to Army Commanders/Head of the Organisations. Data regarding number of photocopiers purchased is voluminous and not maintained at any central point. The efforts spent in collecting this data would not be commensurate with the result sought to be achieved.

(c) The Ministry of Defence have authorised on 18th December 2001, Units/Formations/Establishments to procure photocopier machines on the rate contract dated 6.9.2001 finalised by Director General Supply and Disposal for the period 30.8.2001 to 29.8.2002.